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SUBJ DISCUSSIONS IN OECD EPC RESTRICTED SESSION JUNE 16  
OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR GROWTH STUDY

REF STATE 133569

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL EMBOFF DISCUSSED USG'S  
PRELIMINARY VIEWS REGARDING GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED  
ECONOMISTS TO STUDY GROWTH PROBLEMS WITH EXTAFF.  
EXTAFF, AFTER CONSULTING WITH FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
INFORMED EMBASSY JUNE 11 THAT GOC IS IN BASIC  
AGREEMENT WITH USG, SPECIFICALLY:

A. GOC AGREES THAT GROUP SHOULD BE KEPT SMALL AND  
MANAGEABLE. GOC WOULD BE HAPPY WITH U.S. CHAIRMAN  
IF INDIVIDUAL HAS PROPER CREDENTIALS AND IS "AMBITIOUS  
YET PRACTICAL". ROBERT SOLOW WAS CITED AS TYPE OF  
INDIVIDUAL THAT WOULD PLEASE GOC.

B. GOC AGREES THAT GROUP SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT AND  
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY, AND  
THAT VAN LENNEP SHOULD APPOINT GROUP AFTER APPROPRIATE  
CONSULTATIONS.

C. GOC STRONGLY AGREES THAT GROUP SHOULD DEVELOP  
RECOMMENDATIONS OVER NEXT YEAR AND NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE  
TWO YEARS FOR THE JOB. GOC ALSO STRONGLY AGREES THAT  
GROUP SHOULD NOT AWAIT RESULTS OF WP-2 STUDY ALTHOUGH  
WORK SHOULD BE COMPLIMENTARY AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING.

D. GOC ALSO AGREES THAT GROUP SHOULD FOCUS ON POLICY  
RECOMMENDATIONS APPLICABLE OVER NEXT TWO TO TEN YEARS,  
I.E., IT SHOULD DEAL WITH NEAR TERM BUT REACH BEYOND  
INTO MEDIUM TERM. GOC BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT GROUP  
CANNOT SIMPLY LOOK FORWARD BUT SHOULD ALSO LOOK  
BACKWARDS OVER ROUTE TAKEN TO GET US WHERE WE ARE;  
IN EFFECT IT SHOULD INCLUDE IN ITS WORK "POSTMORTEM  
TO SEE WHERE WE WENT WRONG."

2. EXTAFF OFFICIAL, AS AN ASIDE, PASSED ON COMMENT  
FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT REGARDING POSSIBLE CANADIAN  
MEMBER OF GROUP, NAMELY THAT THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES  
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OF PARTICIPANTS: A "FATHER FIGURE" OR "WISE MAN" AND  
A "YOUNG HOT SHOT"; GOC WOULD FIND IT EASIER TO  
THINK OF APPROPRIATE CANADIANS IN FORMER CATEGORY.  
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